blue banner

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

NOVEMBER 1983

OLD BOYS EXECUTIVE 1983-1984

Moderator	—Father Brian Higgins C.S.B.
President	—Paul Grossi
Vice-President	—Rob Grossi
Secretary	—Joseph Younder
Treasurer	—Graham King
Immediate Past President	—Daniel Brennan

COUNCILLORS

Bob Dubniak, Michael Duffy, Michael Gariepy, Frank Kielty, George Laceby, William Metzler, Gene Natale, James Pantaleo, William Rosenitsch, Bernard Smith, Paul Thomson, Joseph Trubic, Peter Oliver.

PAST PRESIDENTS

John McCusker, William Metzler, Michael Duffy, Ross Robertson, William Rosenitsch, Paul Thomson, John G. Walsh, Frank Thickett, W. Frank Morneau, Frank Glionna, George Cormack, Richard Wakely (deceased), Gordan Ashworth, Peter D'Agostino (deceased), G.J. McGoey, Paul McNamara, Joseph Primeau, Dick Foster.

BLUE BANNER EDITOR
Glenda Thomson

COMING EVENTS

Exective meetings—2nd Tuesday of every month
6:30 p.m.—Old Boys' Room

SCHOLARSHIP DRAW
May 1984

ALUMNI GOLF
Wednesday, June 13th, 1984

Family skating—every Sunday
12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Old Boys' Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR $15.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE?

President's Message

Dear Alumni:
'Never has so much been owed to so few!'
The alumni of St. Mike's owes so much to those few who continue to carry on the activities of the association. Without the outstanding efforts of 'old' alumni like J. Younder, J. McCusker, P. Thomson or newcomers such as D. Brennan, R. Grossi, or J. Pantaleo, the annual activities could not have been carried out. However, the times are changing! The alumni has been asked to assist the school in planning and supporting the academic and financial changes occurring in today's school system. This request can only be met with a carefully drawn game plan and the capable alumni to execute that plan. The present size of the active alumni limits the activities of the association. In order to continue with the present events such as the Turkey Roll and the Scholarship Draw, it is imperative that the active alumni members must increase. With the hustle and bustle of today's society, everyone seems to have a problem finding spare time. However, if you could help the executive with one of the events or as an active monthly member it would be greatly appreciated. The direction of the association depends on its' members, your thoughts and suggestions are always welcomed.

As your new President, I would like to introduce to you your new executive committee—R.Grossi, G. King and J. Younder, as well as our new moderator Rev. Brian Higgins. As the executive committee, we plan to implement changes within the existing alunmi activities in co-ordination with our new challenge of working with the school. In this department we will be looking for the support and guidance of Rev. Norman Fitzpatrick and his staff. Areas of our review will be the cost and frequency of the Blue Banner publication, the purpose of family skating, the Scholarship Draw and the Golf Tournament.

On behalf of all the alumni members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past President, Dan Brennan and his executive of H. Flood and D. Farrell for their outstanding efforts over the past two years.

I look forward to the next two years as your president!

Sincerely,

Paul Grossi

Paul G. Grossi, C.A.
President

Turkey Roll— Off To A Flying Start

Preparations are now being made for what is hoped will be a NEW AND BETTER TURKEY ROLL (83). The date, as always is the FIRST FRIDAY IN DECEMBER, Dec. 2, 1983.

Your Committee Chairman is ROB GROSSI. Here's what we have in store for you:

Free admission to all

GAMES OF CHANCE to be RUN BY GRADS. We have set up a BUZZER TABLE, A KERRY BLUE TABLE, A CROSS COUNTRY TABLE and a BLUE RAIDER TABLE.

For a long time now, the teachers have manned the tables. This year they will be out mingling with the grads. We feel they, and you, would appreciate the change. Of course, what would the TURKEY ROLL be without turkeys? We have plenty of them, birds that is. Take a chance and bring one home.

Turkey Roll—continued from page 1

SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR. We have added a lounge area upstairs in the cafeteria for those who want to talk over old times in a quiet atmosphere. Coffee will also be served in the cafeteria. Here is something we hope you will all like. Many times, grads have phoned the school to inquire about purchasing a sweater, or a T-shirt, anything to remind them of their days at St. Mike's. Well, we have answered your needs. This year, the BOOK STORE will have on display many "double blue" articles of clothing and memorabilia—all for sale. The booth will be set up in the cafeteria.

Again, we will have a bulletin board for all those who wish to tack up their BUSINESS CARDS. Eventually, we would like to publish an OLD BOYS' DIRECTORY.

Finally, we would especially like to welcome back our recent graduates from the classes of 1980-83. Remember, you can be an "old boy" without grey hair and a paunch.

These are but a few of the changes. We hope you will like them. ONE FINAL NOTE: THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION is made up of grads, some old, some young. We can always use "new blood", with new ideas. If your are interested in getting involved, talk to an Executive or a Councillor. Their names are in the front of the *Banner*. Of course, you are always welcome to attend our Executive meeting held the SECOND TUESDAY of each month in the Old Boys' Room aboove the arena. Time—6:30 p.m. Come on out and support your Association; meet your friends, or bring one, and tell tall tales. MAKE THIS THE BEST TURKEY ROLL YET.

Joe Younder— Old Boy Of The Year 1983

(At the *Annual Scholarship Draw* in May, Joe Younder was named "Old Boy of the Year." Joe graduated from St. Michael's in 1956 and returned to teach there in 1961. At present, he is Chairman of the English Department. He also serves as Secretary and House Chairman for the Alumni Association. The following is a commentary made by Harry Flood, Joe's classmate, who nominated him for the Award.)

The St. Michael's Old Boy Award is not awarded every year. In fact, it has only been awarded twelve times since its inception in 1959.

Because it is not an annual award, the decision to initiate a presentation is a most serious one, and the subject of considerable deliberations.

It is not easy to define criteria for receiving the Old Boy Award but generally the recipient should be someone who has demonstrated continuous and consistant efforts on behalf of, and in support of St. Michael's College School and the Alumni Association. In short, he is a person who reflects the image of the school and who personifies the school moto of goodness, discipline and knowledge.

As I had the honour of nominating the person who is to receive the award tonight, I would like to say a few words about him.

I have been acquainted with this person for many years and have always found him to be a gentleman in every sense of the word. Courteous, optimistic, honourable, loyal, Christian and most of all very cooperative and most willing to volunteer for the many tasks that are necessary for the success of the various functions that are held each year. Always in the forefront of activity, he is the first to arrive and get things organized, and usually the last to leave after all the clean up has been done, and even back the next day to make certain everything is back in place as it should be.

His energy seems to be boundless; his involvement and commitment to St. Michael's is beyond question.

He is truly someone who can be called: a "St Michael's Man".

It gives me great honour to present to you, the recipient of the St. Michael's Old Boy Award for 1983—Joe Younder.

What's in a Name

St. Mike's, St. Michael's, St. Michael's College School, S.M.C.S.—these all mean something to each and everyone of us. It could be reminders of the times we spent at the school, the friends we met during our high school years, a building on Bathurst, perhaps one on Bay, or a multitude of other things. What happens when you add the words 'Alumni Association' to any of the above? To many of us, it conjures up more reminders of our days at St. Mike's, what the school stood for and how it helped form us into the men we are today. Plus, it twigs our memory to the various activities that the Association stages each year.

All of the above are notions indicating what the Association stands for and what your executive attempts to transmit through various means to the individuals who attended the school.

You have had the opportunity to read Father Fitzpartick's article on Operation Lost Sheep, which described how a group of guys from the Class of '62 went about to contact all of their classmates. It was tremendous to hear about their success in reaching so many. This same exercise will be extended to other years in an effort to formulate, as closely as possible, a complete listing of everyone who went to the school.

One may ask what Operation Lost Sheep has to do with the words, Alumni Association. During the exercise to reach all the graduates of 1962 and the subsequent discussions that took place, we realized that there were individuals who attended the school but for various reasons, never had the opportunity of graduating from St. Mike's. These were individuals who were part of our years at the school and form part of the reason for our continued affiliation to the school. Therefore, we'd also like to have them on our Members List, keep them abreast of what's going on and make them feel welcome and part of the Association. They, if they haven't already, may want to increase their participation. The word 'Alumni' however, may deter this from happening due to the inference to graduates. Therefore, we have changed our name to ST. MICHAEL'S OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION. All who went to the school are thus members, and we, by being so named, follow the tradition of other high school associations, two of which are Upper Canada College and St. Andrew's.

It may not appear to be a big thing, changing a name. One could just get new stationery and that's that. But that is not the approach we wish to take. Your executive's efforts have always been to work for the school and all those who attended it. We're happy to have as Members all those who went to St. Michael's and want everyone to feel part of the Association. Perhaps by reading the words 'Old Boys' in contrast to the word 'Alumni', more will get this feeling. That will make our work even more worthwhile!

From The Principal's Desk

SMCS. . . 132 Years Young

The 132nd academic year of St. Michael's College School began on September 6, 1983. Though 132 years suggest great age, at least by North American standards, a school never really grows old. Come September each year the weight of the years disipates as the corridors resound once again with the life and laughter of youth. Even a maturing staff seems momentarily transformed on opening day, as though youthened by the young.

The new year sees enrollment topping off at 1012 with grade populations coming in at: 220 in grade 9, 247 in grade 10, 193 in grade 11, 213 in grade 12 and 139 in grade 13. Fees, now $975, teeter on the brink of four figures. . . . a sign of the times!

Ave Atque Vale

Some rather extensive staff changes have taken place. Fr. Albert Butler ('40), for so many years a teacher of chemistry, director of studies and guidance counsellor, has left to take up new work at the Basilian parish in Angleton, Texas. Father Butler will be missed. He it was who pioneered data processing in our administrative procedures during the 60's and 70's. His dedicated work in chemistry and guidance will be remembered by staff and students alike, as will his contribution to the alumni as their moderator for so many years.

And Fr. Rocco Volpe ('48), on staff at SMCS since 1957, has generously responded to a need at a higher level. He has accepted the position of consultant for Religious Studies at the Metropolitan Separate School Board for the Catholic secondary schools of Toronto, a post that concerns itself with the very purpose of Catholic education, namely, the instruction of the young in the mind and heart of Christ. We will miss Fr. Volpe—the warmth of his presence among us, his work in the Italian Club, his coaching over the years in football and hockey.

Mr. John Mackle ('70), after 10 years of dedication to so many aspects of St. Michael's life—Geography, football, the bookstore, to name only a few—has gone to Henry Carr Secondary School. We are so generous with Henry Carr. We give them our best: John, who goes to that esteemed institution as geography head and, along with John, our cherished Jr. 'B' trophy—all in one year.

And Rick Cornacchia, Mr. Jr. 'B' at St. Michael's has gone to be Mr. Jr. 'A' in Kingston. Rick taught mathematics and physical health and education for the past four years as well as being head coach of the Buzzers. What with marriage in July, a move to a new city and a new level of hockey, Rick has struck out boldly in new directions. We wish him well.

And we welcome to the staff Fr. Brian Higgins ('45) who comes back to his alma mater from principalships in Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie to teach mathematics, direct the athletic program and act as moderator of the Old Boys' Association. Mr. Anthony DeCiantis comes to take up Fr. Volpe's work in Italian. Geidre Cepaitis and Rainer Wenzl will be teaching in the art department for Fr. Robert McKinnon, who is away on leave of absence. Fr. John Murphy returns to St. Michael's to teach English and Religious Studies. Joseph King will replace Fr. Butler in guidance and John Tierney comes to us from Michael Power to teach in the geography department.

A Rose Is A Rose Is A R.O.S.E. . . . Changes Coming!

This excellent staff, 46 strong, begins a year that is unique in Ontario's education history, for this is the year of the R.O.S.E. (Renewal of Secondary Education), the Minister of Education's response to S.E.R.P. (Secondary Education Report Project), the report of the provincially appointed body to study Ontario high school education.

What is unique is the radical nature of the new program for high schools, the swiftness with which it must be implemented (Sept. 1984 in grade 9), the lateness of its official announcement (Oct. 1983) and the lack of clarity in its prescriptions and implications.

While the minister avoids declaring that grade 13 has been eliminated, it really has. 30 credits rather than 33 are now required for an honour graduation diploma, and it will not be difficult to earn these credits in four years. This acceleration will not be without its problems, however. It would appear that religious studies, the humanities and foreign languages will suffer under the new system and it would seem, as well, that semestering is being given the nod by the ministry, for it facilitates acceleration more readily than the traditional 40 minute period. Doing five years in four sounds good—it will, if fact, save a student one year of private school fees, and this is good, but more pressure will be on the student. Course content that was covered in 5 years will not have to be mastered in 4. This may not be a problem for the more gifted students, but it will for those who have to struggle for the results they get. The inevitable result will be an even more competitive atmosphere surrounding university acceptance, a process that is already anxiety ridden. What is most disappointing about the new educational format is that it bows to the science—mathematics—technology fascination that preoccupies to-day's society. The rush to telescope curriculum and reduce the number of credits will make it very difficult to get a broad liberal education. You can see, then, that the administration and staff of your alma mater have some soul-searching questions to answer over the next months and years. The challenge will be to ensure that a young man will be able to get a truly Catholic education in the humanities, sciences, mathematics and technologies at St. Michael's in spite of the restrictions and biases of the new secondary school program.

Renovations Transform The Arena

This past summer saw a major overhaul to the refrigeration system and interior of the arena. The floor supporting the ice surface had been settling for the past 20 years and was at a stage where the ammonia piping system was being strained to the breaking point. A new floor and piping were installed and the change from an ammonia to a brine system was made. The north and south walls were insulated and faced with plywood upon which striking graphic designs have been painted. Come back some Sunday evening to a Buzzer game (7:30 p.m.). I think you will like both the hockey and the renovations.

Michael, A Champion's Champion. . . The New School Letter

An imposing rendition of the new St. Michael's 'M' has been applied to the south wall of the arena. It is the traditional 'M' with a pair of wings added. Both elements, the wings and the 'M' speak of Michael, Prince of all the Angels, valiant champion of the rights of God. In the great battle of heaven, it was he who led the angelic hosts against Lucifer and his defecting angels. Good and evil met in heavenly combat and the legions of good triumphed. So Michael and his cohorts are not bad models for hero-hungry youth to emulate. Armed with the image of these angelic contenders in the spiritual combat, the wearers of the 'M' go forth with a broader perspective on winning. Somehow, the rights of God come into every human endeavour, and their defence is the stuff of which real champions are made. Michael's courage and fidelity, the truth of his course, the justice of his gameplan. . . these are the ideals, indeed the responsibilities, of those who would coach and play under the winged 'M'.

On another level the 'M's' sturdy symmetry suggests discipline and strength, confidence and purpose, while the wings speak of speed and agility, of aspiration and transcendence. . . of the freedom of flight. Earthen vessels we are; earthbound we need not be. Wings suggest inner, superhuman powers of spirit, mind and body that can be ours, powers that will lift our burden of clay to the heights. What coach would not take pride in this symbol and point to it in hope when the going gets tough and young men must raise themselves from the depths.?

SPORTS

Graduation 1983

The Annual Commencement Exercises were held on Friday, June 10, for the 165 members of the 1983 graduation class. Fr. Ulysse Paré, C.S.B., Superior General of the Basilian fathers, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass at Holy Rosary Church. Graduates were presented with the Ontario Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma by Fr. Paré and with the St. Michael's Diploma by Principal, Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.

Thirty-one members of the 1983 class gained the Ontario Scholar Award for achieving an average of 80% or more in six grade 13 subjects. Ten of these students were enrolled in the St. Thomas More Society for having maintained this 80% average throughout all of their years at St. Michael's. They were: Antonio Barozzino, Paul Beaton, Noel Beaulieu, Stephen Ciz, Vito Culmone, David Glionna, John Heng, Gregory Lopinski, Leonardo Sdao and David Wilson.

The St. Michael's Medal, awarded to the outstanding graduate in the various disciplines, was presented to the following students.

Jerry Kafieh	Religious Studies
Randal Pinto	Art
Stephen Ciz	Biology
Gregory Lopinski	Chemistry
Paul Beaton	English
Noel Beaulieu	French
David Glionna	Geography
Andrew Pruss	History
Mario De Facendis	Industrial Arts
Vincenzo Pileggi	Italian
John Heng	Latin
Antonio Barozzino	Mathematics
Leonardo Sdao	Modern Languages
Randall Ricci	Physical and Health Education
Mario De Facendis	Physics

The Brian Dunn Award for General Proficiency, a St. Michael's Medal and a $100.00 bursary established by the Dunn family in memory of their son, was won by Gregory Lopinski. Greg presented 8 grade 13 credits for his diploma and had a percentage of 93.5 on his best six credits.

Odette and Old Boy Bursaries of $100.00 were awarded to ten members of the graduating class who were judged by the staff to have made outstanding contributions to St. Michael's during their high school years. They were: Pasquale DiCosmo, Daniel Fava, Joseph Gisini, Vincenzo Iozzo, Luigi LaRocca, Conrad Mandala, Barry Naipaul, Daniel Paluzzi, James Purvis, Alvydas Saplys.

A new award this year, the Robert J. Buckley Memorial scholarship of $100.00, awarded to the graduate who has made an outstanding contribution to the arts, was won by Paolo Naccarato.

The Spititus Trophy, awarded to the graduate who best embodies the spitit of St. Michael's, was won by Conrad Mandala.

John Heng, the winner of the Norman Dilella Trophy for his outstanding performances in debate and oratory, was the class valedictorian.

Membership Cards

For the past ten to fifteen years, a membership card has always been mailed out in the fall of each year to all Alumnus on our mailing list. During these years, we have only received payment of membership fees from between five to six hundred of our Alumnus on our membership lists. With rising printing costs and less than one-sixth of our Alumnus paying their annual dues, which are relatively low compared to other Alumni Associations, we have decided to discontinue this practice this year. If enough of those who send in their dues in the enclosed return envelope request a membership card be sent to them, then we will have some printed up and distributed later in the year. It is surprising that from the mailing list of 3,500 names of ex-St. Michael's students, we only receive payment from five to six hundred of them annually. If your Alumni Association is to continue to survive and expand its scope in the years to come, then we need more financial support from those 3,000 Alumni who don't regularly send in their dues. Are you one of the five to six hundred who contribute, or one of the group of 3,000 who leave it up to others to keep the Alumni Association going. Only you can answer.

Alumni Golf

Wednesday, June 25th, 1983, the sun once again shone on the Alumnus of St. Michael's and their friends as ninety-three (93) golfers teed off at Carrying Place Country Club for our Annual Golf Tournament. The Low Gross was won by SEAN McDONOUGH with a 72, while IVAN WISMAYER with a score of 65 won the Low Net. There were ninety golfers and guests in attendance at the superb steak dinner, at which time FATHER MAURICE WHELAN presented the trophies to the winners. We extend our thanks and appreciation for all those who took part in once again making this a successful Alumni event. We especially wish to thank all those participants who donated prizes so that we could ensure that everyone could win something.

Next year's tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 13th, 1984 and at the suggestion of several of past participants, we will begin to tee off at 10:30 a.m. instead of 12:00 noon, with the dinner to be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. as in past years. Most of the players who participate year after year usually take the day off work anyways (I hope none of their supervisors see this!!), so we do not feel this change will affect too many of our participants.

Be sure to mark WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1984, on your calendar of Alumni Events for 1984, so you won't miss this popular Golf Tournament.

Jack Fenn Coach of the Year

Award Presented to Jack Fenn by Hugh McDougall

At the *Annual Athletic Award's Banquet* held in May, JACK FENN (54) was named COACH OF THE YEAR for his 25 years as football coach. Jack first came to St. Mike's in 1949 and attended the old Bay Street school. While at St. Mike's (Bathurst Street), he played on the Bantam, Junior and Senior football teams. After graduation from the U. of T., Jack returned to St. Mike's and began his teaching career in Geography, the department of which he is now Chairman.

Of the many tributes expressed during the evening, one stands out. This was from Mike Lavelle, a fellow classmate, player and coach of Jack's: "Most coaches talk about discipline, commitment, sacrifice, holding your head up when you face defeat—but you are one of the few who really teach by our own personal example. I can't think of anyone who would be a better example to young people than yourself. Your strength, manifested in your humility and courage, I'm sure has affected both the staff and students over the past 25 years." These very thoughts were to become the inscription on the plaque presented to Jack by his life-long friend, Hugh McDougall. The inscription read: JACK FENN WHOSE 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED TEACHING AND COACHING HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO HIS COLLEAGUES AND TO THE STUDENTS OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SHCOOL.

Thanks Jack. St. Mike's is proud of you. Through your example you have contributed to its development by making it a better place to work and grow.

Athletic Awards Dinner 1983

On the evening of Thursday, May 19, 1983, the Athletic Department hosted the annual parent and son Athletic Awards Dinner in the school gymnasium. For the first time mothers were invited to join their sons at this event. Among the head table guests were former Buzzers, Phil Branston ('69), Paul Gillis ('80), Pat Graham ('79), Murray McGee ('59), Rob Ricci ('81) and former Majors, Dave Chambers ('60), Brian Walsh ('61), Fausto DiMarco of the Toronto Blizzards, Gordon Elser of the Argonauts and Zoltan Tanke, coach of Canada's national track and field team. A most popular guest speaker for the evening was Gerry Cheevers, a former Buzzer and Major and presently coach of the Boston Bruins.

St Michael's teams again enjoyed most successful seasons—1982-83. The Senior Kerry Blues under coaches Colle, Forbes, Fenn and Knap, not only won the T.D.C.A.A. football championship but also won the first ever Metro Toronto championship by defeating Woburn Collegiate of Scarborough. The Blue Harriers, coached by Paul Barry and Pat Monahan, continued to dominate the T.D.C.A.A. cross country competition, easily retaining the overall championship. In basketball, both the Senior Blue Raiders of coach Dan Prendergast and Paul Dignan's Bantam Blue Raiders retained T.D.C.A.A. titles. The Seniors finished second in the city and made the provincial final four. The Bantam volleyball team of Mr. Pagano were also league champions. Perhaps the most outstanding accomplishment of the sports year was the victory of the St. Michael's track and field team. For the first time ever, they dethroned Michael Power as overall T.D.C.A.A. track and field champions.

On this evening, championship trophies were presented to all members of these teams. The M.V.P.s of each varsity team were also given individual awards and athletes were awarded their school letters. The M.V.P.s of the senior varsity teams were:

Soccer	Conrad Mandala
Volleyball	Steve Ciz
Cross Country	Thady Blundell
Football	Tony Barrozino
Basketball	George Papadakos
Hockey	Jamie Purvis
Track and Field	Noel Beaulieu and Rob Hislop
Buzzers	Rick Mulligan

The 1983 graduating class contained a number of quite exceptional athletes and eleven were presented with the Outstanding Graduating Athlete Award. Those so honoured were Chris Callaghan (Hockey), John Frezell (Football, Hockey, Track), Noel Beaulieu (Football, Track), Pat DiCosmo (Football, Basketball), Sean Prendergast (Football, Soccer), Sean Dodds (Basketball, Volleyball), Chris Rick (Football, Track), Doug Clarke (Hockey), Al Saplys (Basketball, Volleyball), Paul Zemba (Track and Field, Skiing) and George Papadakos (Basketball, Volleyball).

Thady Blundell, who is now at Princeton continuing his academic and running interests, was awarded the Fr. Mallon Trophy for having combined his athletic accomplishments with academic work.

The Enzo Montemurro Trophy, awarded to the graduating athlete who plays a number of sports and brings to those sports the same qualities that Enzo brought—skill, enthusiasm and good sportsmenship—was won by Conrad Mandala.

The 1983 St. Michael's College School athlete of the year and winner of the John Drohan Trophy was Tony Barrozino. A 90% senior throughout his years at St. Michael's, Tony played senior hockey, senior soccor and was the M.V.P. of the championship senior Kerry Blues.

St. Michael's Buzzers 1983-84

St. Michael's Buzzers 1983-84

This is a rebuilding year for the Buzzers. Their new coach, Mr. Ray Payne, has had the difficult task of choosing candidates from a large number of young men who attended two try-out camps, one in May and another in August. Ray's work was made more difficult by the fact that these camps were held away from St. Michael's College School Arena which was undergoing renovation work. However, the preseason games are just about over and the team's first test will be last year's O.H.A. Champions, the Henry Carr Crusaders. It should be a very interesting season and we invite you one and all to become Buzzer fans.

Where Did They Go?

St. Michael's will be well represented in many areas this year by the young men who wore the double blue in 1982-83. To the University of Toronto, went Chris Callaghan and Joe Pellino. York University will have Kerr Kingston while Stuart Catterall will attend McMaster University. Rick Mulligan, the captain of last year's team, is at St. Lawrence University. David Marotta is at Princeton, Doug Clarke at Colorado, Drake Turcotte at U.S. International University in San Diego, Mike Snell at Oswego University, Ken Vopni at Colby and Peter Margie at Brown. The Major Junior League got John English and Craig Duncanson. Craig is with the Sudbury Wolves and John is with Sault Ste. Marie. All these young men carry with them the best wishes of St. Michael's. We are grateful for the time they spent with us.

Our New Coach

Rick Cornacchia has moved on to the Kingston Canadians. Rick's hard work and dedication while coaching the Buzzers brought excellent results. In 1981-82, the Buzzers earned the O.H.A. Jr. "B" championship and last year went to the divisional finals. Coaching the Buzzers this year is Mr. Ray Payne. Ray holds a B.Sc. degree from Boston University and an M.A. (Ed.) from the U.S. International University in San Diego. Presently, he is on the teaching staff at Sir Robert L. Borden Secondary School where he teaches Mathematics and Physical Education. His coaching career extends back to 1968-69 as Head Coach with East End Secondary School. From 1970-72, he coached at Victoria College and from 1974-76, at Seneca College. Ray was Head Coach at Centennial College from 1977-79 and was named Assistant Coach at U.S. International University in San Diego in 1979-80. He came back to coach at Ryerson in 1981-82 and was appointed as Head Coach for the North York Rangers in the same season. Ray's coaching experience in academic institutions makes him particularly well qualified to deal with young student athletes. He has impressed everyone around him during the trying days of the hockey camps.

We all wish him well in his first season with the Buzzers.

Fr. Matt Mulchay Gets His Library

Well, it finally happened. On Monday, Sept. 2nd, Father Matt Mulcahy C.S.B., was invited to visit St. Mary's College in Sault Ste Marie, the school he started (with Fr. Pat Lalonde) back in 1956. The occasion was the opening and blessing of the newly expanded and refurbished library which had been named *The Mulcahy Library*. Naturally, Father was honoured, flattered and even thrilled, but he did take exception to the word, "Memorial" which was inserted in the inscription. Father re-assured the officials that he was still quite alive and still teaching. As Mark Twain once said, "the rumours of my death are greatly exaggerated." On leaving, Fr. was assured that the "offensive" word would be obliterated until a much later time. Congratulations Fr. Matt.

Another Year For Family Skating At S.M.C.

The following dates have been set aside for you, your families and your friends to make use of FAMILY SKATING at St. Mike's: Nov. 27, Dec. 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4. Come out each Sunday from 12:00–1:00 p.m. and enjoy an hour of pleasure skating. Adults: $1.00; Children: 75¢; Senior Citizens: FREE.

The Play's The Thing . . .

Yes, another year of drama has been provided for students and grads. *Inherit the Wind* will be staged on Nov. 25, 26, and 27. On March 29, 30, 31 and April 1, the musical, *The Happy Time* will be performed. Plan to attend with your families and enjoy some very fine entertainment. For more information, contact the school (653-3180).

St. Michael's Science Student Does It Again

It was reported to you in the May, *Blue Banner* that Raymond Shu, a grade 12 student was chosen to represent Toronto at the *Canada Wide Science Fair* in Saskatoon. Ray attended that conference and, while there was selected to compete in the 25th *London International Youth Science Fortnight*. The following article is written by Mr. Ken Dudzinski (Science Department).

For the second year in a row now, a St. Mike's student has been selected to represent Canada at the *International Youth Science Fortnight*, in London, England. The latest personal achievement is by Raymond Shu, presently in grade 13. After being selected as a top prize winner at the *Metro Toronto Science Fair* and the *Canada Wide Science Fair*, Ray was given the unique opportunity to present his work to the 300 students from 25 countries who met for the two week conference. Much interest was shown in his work dealing with cellular reproduction in a low electrical current environment.

Through Ray's accomplishment and those of many like him in the past six years, St. Michael's College School has been recognized both nationally and internationally in the field of science. Our students have been selected to represent Toronto at the *Canada Wide Science Fair* each year since 1978 and to represent Canada at the *Fornight* both in 1982 and 1983.

St. Michael's Basketball Camp

Over 100 youngsters attended St. Michael's fifth annual summer basketball camp. The camp is under the direction of Dan Prendergast, the Senior Blue Raider Coach. The assistant directors are the Junior Blue Raider Coaches, Dave Smyth and Dave Tessaro. The highlight of the camp this year was the presence of Raider alumnus and now with Philadelphia 76'ers, Leo Rautins. Leo was at the camp during the week of Aug. 8–12 and did a fantastic job of instructing. Other coaches at the camp included John Karpis of Syracuse University, former Raiders, Ron Kaknevicius, Greg Hook and Pat Davis.

About 80 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 16 attended the day sessions and some 30 players attended the evening camp which was designed for starting high school Seniors.

If you have a budding basketball player in your family, plan on sending him to St. Michael's Camp with Leo Rautins next Aug. 13, 1984.

BENEFIT HOCKEY NIGHT
FOR JOCELYN LOVELL
St. Michael's Arena
Wed. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
FLYING FATHERS
vs
KEN DRYDEN—OLD TIMERS

DEBATING REUNION
Joe Younder is planning the FIRST DEBATING REUNION on Thurs. June 14, 1984. More details will be given in the next Banner. Talk it up.

New Student Council Elected

St Michael's College School Student Council elections were held in May of 1983. The new slate of officers includes: John Paterson, President; Michael Ortelli and John Coffey, Vice Presidents; Frank Crispino, Treasurer; Pat Churchill, Secretary; James Coffey, Grad Rep.; Terry Brooks, Sports Rep.; and Michael Paterna, Junior School Rep.

A special note of thanks is extended to the members of last year's Council for a job well done. They include: Robert Davis, John Duras, Chris Bingham, Michael Allen, David Buchanan, John Frezell, Dan Battista and special assistant, Steve Bulger.

The Moderator for the 1983-84 Student Council is Fr. Robert Kasun, C.S.B.

P. O'Driscoll

The school community was saddened to have learned of the tragic death of Patrick O'Driscoll on June 29, 1983. Patrick, a recent graduate, was riding his bike to the University of Toronto's St. Michael's College to hand in his admission papers, when he was struck down by a truck. It is difficult for one to imagine and to express the grief felt by Patrick's family and friends.

Grad Profile

by Leo Rautins

(This is the first GRAD PROFILE of what we hope will be a regular column in the *Blue Banner.)*

I think the first thing a St. Mike's alumnus realizes when he's in college or out in the real world, is just how special St. Michael's really was. It wasn't just a school with teachers and classrooms. It was a tradition and I felt proud to be a part of it. It was made up of sincere people who seemed to have an insight into my life, of people who cared and guided me with their own spiritual beliefs and most important, their beliefs in me as a person. No doubt, there are some grads who don't feel this way. I can't apologize for them. This is how I feel I was influenced.

To this day, in spite of all the distractions and illusions of being in the public eye for so long, my faith in God and my values formed at St. Mike's have kept me on the track and in touch with who I am. Any time I feel a swell in my head from newspaper and fan letters, I remember the words of Hugh McDougall: "Don't let the ball bounce you, Leo!" I think he whould fall over if he ever realized those words actually sunk in. Yet, at St. Mike's a lot sinks in and stays with you forever.

I ended up at St. Mike's because of basketball. My brother played there and we knew Mr. Prendergast was the best coach in the city and still is. Mr. P. was more than a coach; he was a friend and gave his all to the team and the individual player. You really wanted to play for him. I know this still holds for the players to-day. I think one of Mr. P's greatest joys was to smoke his victory cigar in the hot stuffy van with the windows closed because it was either too cold outside or the windows were stuck.

I remember especially when I was being recruited by college coaches from across the U.S. They called me as well as Coach Prendergast at all hours. By the end of the year we were both tired and happy that I signed with the University of Minnesota. So, that was it. No more worrying about coming in late and having Fr. Mulcahy catch me opening my locker during morning prayer. He even made me pay $5.00 once because I bounced my ball in the hall. He said I would get it back if I wouldn't do it again. I got it back at the end of the year.

Academically, St. Mike's prepared me well for college. Barry McDermott separated athletic and academics for me one day in geography class. I didn't do too well on a test and he said, "30% may be good on the court, but it's no good in here." That's another thing I'll never forget. Fr. Hibberd taught me Latin and when I was playing for Canada In Italy, I thought Latin was close to Italian (sounded the same) but the Italians thought I was crazy. I guess I should have taken Italian, but who would have thought at the time, that one day I would need it. Perhaps, on a more humourous note, I should report that every time I'm in New York and pick up the Daily News, I see ZINGO ads. Fr. Zinger can't have that much pull can he! A pleasant reminder of St. Mike's is always welcomed.

College and college ball wasn't all it was cracked up to be at Minnesota. So, to make a long story short, I ended up at Syracuse. It had one of the top 20 teams in the country and a great Journalism School. It also had a fast-paced life style. Things really changed for me there. We had solid teams and with the Big East Conference, great exposure. We were on National T.V. so often, it was ridiculous. We drew record crowds of 30,000. At St. Mike's, on a good day, it was around 50. They were all in the arena. But, every so often I would sit in the dressing room after a game talking to reporters (they didn't let you change or shower) when I'd look up and see a bunch of guys from St. Mike's. What a feeling. And that feeling can be felt around the world. Back in 1978, I played in the World Championships in Manila. In the middle of a game against Brazil, I looked up and this guy was waving a Canadian flag and yelling. "St. Mike's, St. Mike's". I couldn't believe it. He even bought the team beer after the game. It's that St. Mike's tradition—it stays with you.

There's a lot of pressure too. Anytime you get 30,000 people at a game, national coverage and play in a top Conference, you have pressure. College coaches have to win or they get fired; players get booed and written up if they play badly. I had to be strong and know what I wanted. I learned through experience, if you fall, get up and try again. At this level, you really have to want to succeed or you won't. But I really think my love for the game, and my belief in God got me through everything and brought me to where I am today. Sometimes, when the pressure is on, I wish I were back at St. Mike's on one of those days of Recollection. We weren't allowed to talk and we had speakers come in to talk to us. I cherish those quiet days. They were a break and gave me a chance to think. I don't have that break now. I must make it. Mike's taught me how.

I'm with the Philadelphia 76ers. I feel likje a niner all over again. The difference is that I'm doing what I always wanted to do. I has set my goals at an early age to make the Olympic team, pick my school in college, and make the N.B.A. In the process, I have seen the world, received a degree, made many friends, got married—kept my friends. One of the biggest compliments I ever received was from Fr. Brian Sweeney at the Annual Sports' Banquet my first year out. He said that I was the same Leo that came to St. Mike's four years ago. To me, to know who you are, where you are coming from and where you are going, are the most important things in life. God, St. Mike's and many people along the way, have helped me learn how "to bounce the ball."

On The International Scene S.M.C. Grads Perform Well

STAN OZIEWICZ has just informed the Banner that he will be returning to Toronto after serving a two year term in Peking, People's Republic of China. He has been on assignment for *The Globe and Mail.* Stan's correspondence has been reported in the Saturday edition of the *Globe.* On his return, he has agreed to do an article for *The Blue Banner.*

As the Banner goes to print LEO RAUTINS will have signed with the *Philadelphia 76ers.* Leo tells his story in the *Blue Banner's* new section, *GRAD PROFILE.*

And just in from Newport, Rhode Island, is an article from old boy GORD SMEATON on yet another old boy, TERRY McLAUGHLIN, and his account of *Canada 1.* (Next addition).

PAUL ZEMLA (83), after three weeks of intensive training in Oregon, is off to Austria and France for six weeks of training with the *Ontario Alpine Ski Club.*

Football Sweaters Of Seventies Now Available

Finally Father Mulcahy is loosening his clutch on the senior football sweaters of the seventies. Team members can purchase their old numbers. Just call Father.

Any that are not reserved will be raffled at the Turkey Roll.

Parents' Guild

Once again the *Parents' Guild* of St. Michael's has a very active year ahead of them. On October 4th they were hosts to a very successful grade nine orientation night.

OTHER GUILD EVENTS:

Annual Parents' Guild Ball—Sat. Feb. 4th.
Mixed Card Party—Easter Week—Wed. April 25th.
Fall Fashion Show—SMCS cafeteria—8:00 p.m. Wed. Oct. 19th.

HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY?
HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST

—Are you receiving your Alumni mailing at your proper address?
—Is a copy still being mailed to your old address or to your parents' home?
—Are you receiving more than one copy of each mailing at your present address or at several addresses?

The only way in which we can keep our mailing list up-to-date is if you keep us informed of any changes in your address. To assist us with the updating of our files, please complete the following form and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have any friends or relatives who are not receiving Alumni mail, please forward their names and addresses as well.

MAIL TO: Blue Banner Editor
c/o 41 Roman Road
Thornhill, Ont.
L3T 4J8

PLEASE RETURN WITH MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Name ..... Address .....
City ..... Postal Code .....
Place of Business ..... Office Phone .....
Home Phone .....
Previous Address .....
.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES $15.00

DON'T FORGET THE TURKEY ROLL
Friday, December 2nd, 1983

PLEASE RETURN OR ADVISE CORRECT ADDRESS.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION
1515 Bathurst Street
Toronto, Ontario M5P 3H4